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Ms. Deborah Tate, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
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Dear Chairman Tate:

The enclosed petition expresses our opposition to Former Chairman Kevin Martin's plan to impose a "universal service fund" tax on long distance telephone service, even though no long distance calls are made.

Our members are responsible citizens who are genuinely concerned that an **additional** tax such as this "universal service fund" tax on long distance telephone service will be unfair to all customers, and a burden to low income families and the elderly.

We sincerely urge you to abort this plan. We urge our congressional representatives to use their persuasive influence to defeat such a proposal.

Sincerely,

*Ann Rebele*

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President

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Congressman Roscoe Bartlett  
Minority House Leader George Edwards

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# PETITION UNFAIR TELEPHONE TAX

I (WE) THE BELOW SIGNED CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DO HEREBY **OPPOSE** THE LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE TAX (REFERRED TO AS A "UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND" TAX) NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION. IN ORDER TO KEEP COSTS LOW, MANY FAMILIES MAKE NO LONG DISTANCE CALLS AT ALL, BUT NEED THE ABILITY FOR URGENT MATTERS. WE FEEL TO IMPOSE A TAX ON A PHONE SERVICE "CAPABILITY" WOULD BE UNFAIR TO ALL CUSTOMERS AND A BURDEN TO THE VERY PEOPLE IT PROPOSES TO HELP - PRIMARILY THE ELDERLY AND THOSE WITH LOW INCOMES.

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### What Uncle Sam Is Planning Now...

**U**nfair new phone tax. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Kevin Martin wants to impose a long-distance telephone tax even on those who don't make long-distance calls—primarily the elderly and those with low incomes. Under Martin's plan, anyone with home long-distance service would have to pay a "universal service fund" (USF) tax of a couple of bucks each month, whether or not long-distance calls were made—in other words, a tax just for having the ability to call long distance. The USF's laudable goal is to help pay for phone lines for schools and low-income individuals—but to me, this new wrinkle seems like a tax on the poor to help the poor. Martin hasn't been able to get a majority of his fellow FCC commissioners to back his plan, but that may change with January's swearing in of new FCC Commissioner Deborah Tate, who has indicated that she likes Martin's idea. *Self-defense:* A number of groups calling themselves the "Keep USF Fair Coalition" ([keepusffair.org](http://keepusffair.org)) is fighting the move. Contact the group to help, or write to your congressman to complain.

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